

GMA #2 Minutes

Meeting June 18, 2008

Brownfield City Hall

201 West Broadway, Brownfield, TX 79316

Chairperson Jason Coleman called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. An electrical failure suspended the meeting until 9:55 at which time the meeting resumed.

A roll call of the Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCD) participating in the joint planning for the establishment of a Desired Future Condition (DFC) of the aquifer was performed. In attendance were Jim Conkwright, High Plains UWCD #1; Shelby Elam, Llano Estacado UWCD; Harvey Everheart, Mesa UWCD; Ken Carver, Permian Basin UWCD; Gary Walker, Sandy Land UWCD and Jason Coleman, South Plains UWCD. With six districts present, a quorum is established.

Chairman Coleman asked for an introduction of all other attendees. Those in attendance included Joe Heflin, State Representative; Glenn Waters, Mayor of Brownfield; Sherry Stephens, High Plains UWCD #1; Bruce Rigler, High Plains UWCD #1; James Mitchell, High Plains UWCD #1; Don Mc Reynolds, High Plains UWCD #1; Richard Smith, Texas Water Development Board; Robert Bradley, Texas Water Development Board; Sarah Backhouse Texas Water Development Board; Ray Brady, Brady Consulting; Deanya Williams, Mesa UWCD; Whitney Williams, First AG Credit; Mike McGregor, Llano Estacado UWCD; Aaron Benson, Texas Tech Student; Don Ethridge, Texas Tech; Ed Pfeiffer, First Bank; Jay Youngblood, American State Bank; Sarah Hamm, Senator Duncan's Office; Alan Bayer, Terry County Judge; Jack Cargill, Brownfield Industrial Development Corp; Max Grice, Birdsong Inc.; Dr Dick Ridgeway, Flower Mound; and Robbie Blount, Western Peanut Growers.

The floor was then opened for public comment. There was no public comment.

Chairperson Coleman called for discussion of designating Mesa UWCD as information officer for GMA #2. Gary Walker made a motion that Mesa UWCD be the information officer with Harvey Everheart performing that responsibility; Jim Conkwright seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion concerning the responsibilities of the information officer and the result was the following list:

- Keep minutes of meetings and distribute to members of GMA #2
- Develop a web page for archiving stories of interest concerning activities of GMA #2 meetings
- Keep a calendar of events updated on the web page containing dates of future meetings and dates of interest (i.e. results of GAM requests)

- Conduct an initial awareness program of the informational resource
- Distribute information to GMA #2 members as necessary
- Send updates to TAGD Executive Director when requested

Ken Carver made a motion to adopt the responsibilities for the information officer; Gary Walker seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Smith, Texas Water Development Board, presented information related to the GAM runs for the GMA #2. Mr. Smith presented the information concerning the previous requests based on average declines of .64", 1', 2', and 3'. Mr. Smith made the suggestion that GMA #2 look at 1.25', 1.50' and 1.75'. Harvey Everheart asked Mr. Smith about the delays in completing the GAM runs. Mr. Smith replied that he was not behind on the models for GMA #2 and the results could be provided on a timely manner. Jim Conkwright asked about the Managed Available Groundwater (MAG) vs. Total Available Groundwater (TAG). Mr. Smith agrees with the members that the legislature should clarify this issue.

The members took no action concerning the subdivisions of the aquifer at this time.

There was no discussion for strategies for defining future conditions of the aquifer. It appears that member districts are still considering the decline of the water table as the best strategy of measuring the future conditions of the aquifer. Robert Bradley recommended that the GMA's plan be long-term and cover the big picture.

A discussion by the members concerning Richard Smith's prior recommendation for three additional GAM runs was followed by a request by Ken Carver to include a zero decline run as well. Mr. Carver believes the Southern-most tip of GMA #2 might support a zero decline. Harvey Everheart made the motion for the 4 runs to be performed by TWDB; Ken Carver second the motion; motion passed unanimously. Chairman Coleman was to make a written request for the described GAM runs.

Chairman Coleman opened the floor for public comment. Glenn Waters ask if the DFC would have an effect on cities in GMA #2. The answer was the DFC would have an effect on each and every pumper except the exempt producers such as domestic and livestock, and certain rig supply wells. Sarah Hamm suggested that the GMA discuss its concerns about exempt producers and how they could affect the DFC process with the state representatives before the legislative session opens in January 2009.

The next GMA #2 meeting will be scheduled as soon as the TWDB can provide the requested GAM runs.

Ken Carver made a motion the meeting adjourn; Jim Conkwright seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.